

VETERANS OF GREAT CIVIL WAR AGAIN IN LINE

Pitiful Sight as Aged Soldiers Try to March in Time to Music of Band; Many of Them Forced to Leave.

KANSAN IS FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM

President Taft Reviews Inspiring Parade and Addresses Gathering at Camp Fire Tonight; Election Tomorrow

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire)

Washington, N. Y., Aug. 23.—The last of the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic gathered in Washington for the forty-fifth National encampment, opened in earnest before President Taft this morning. As the veterans endeavored to keep step to the music they presented a sight that stirred the hearts of the thousands of spectators to pity. Scores of the old soldiers could not stand the strain and dropped out before the parade reached the president's reviewing stand in Washington Square. The parade halted at frequent intervals to give the veterans opportunity to rest. President Taft, on arrival, was escorted by the Twenty-ninth United States Infantry through the main streets. He was fired at intervals during the progress of the presidential automobile. Those in the reviewing stand with the president included Adjutant General Verbeke, state superintendent of the Grand Army, commander in chief of the Grand Army, Wm. E. Werner, governor of Vermont and his military staff and Congressman Danforth.

D. Mercer, a G. A. R. veteran of Elkhart, Kansas, was found dead in his room in a rooming house today.

Not in several years have the Grand Army veterans turned out in as large a number as in today's parade. More than 25,000 had registered up to last night and early morning trains brought in additional Grand Army units.

The main parade began to move as soon as the presidential parade reached the reviewing stand in Washington Square and President Taft had taken his seat.

After reviewing the parade President Taft was driven to the residence of former senator and state treasurer Thomas B. Dunn. Tonight the president will attend the camp fire at Convention hall and address the veterans. At the conclusion of the services the president will go direct to his car at the New York Central station. He will leave Washington at 8:35 p. m.

The first business session of the encampment will be held tomorrow, when the election of officers will also be held. A mild sensation was created by the charge that General McElroy, candidate for commander in chief, was claiming the support of President Taft in his campaign. That brought prompt denials from Washington that the president was taking sides in the election or had imposed any choice.

The affiliated organizations are holding daily sessions. The Union Veterans Union selected James H. Hart of Rochester, commander in chief. The National association of Union veterans selected last year's officers. Centralized government was abandoned and home rule adopted by the Army and Navy Union. The National Woman's Relief Corps held its first session today.

NEGROES PERISH IN VIRGINIA HOTEL FIRE

Hospital at Parkersburg Is Destroyed Entailing a Loss of \$50,000; Walls Fell in on Spectators.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire)

Parkersburg, W. Va., Aug. 23.—One person is dead, two are fatally hurt and the Chancellor hotel is damaged to the amount of \$50,000 as the result of a fire which started on the seventh floor of the hotel here today and spread so rapidly that for a time the entire business section was endangered. Jim Hall, a colored boy, was killed and Mrs. Bell, also colored, and Roy Weiss, aged 12, were fatally hurt by falling walls.

Search is being made in the ruins for other bodies.

ATWOOD PREPARES FOR FLIGHT INTO NEW YORK CITY TOMORROW

He Alights at Castleton Only 135 Miles From Metropolis; Has Almost Completed Trip From St. Louis.

HE MAY FINISH LAST LEG TONIGHT

However, It Is More Likely He Will Make Early Start Thursday and Reach Destination Same Day.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire)

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 23.—With only 135 miles of his 1,260-mile flight from St. Louis to New York to be covered, Harry N. Atwood today landed at a point south of Castleton, after flying 65 miles from Fort Plain in one hour and 47 minutes. He made the trip with but one stop, necessitated by a leaky gasoline tank, at Golden, near Amsterdam, and will continue on his way to New York at a quick pace this afternoon.

The air was thick with hope and there was in high southwest wind, conditions being about the best for flying since Atwood has been in New York state.

Taking his course by the New York Central tracks for the greater part of the distance, Atwood passed over Amsterdam at 8:16, Schenectady at 8:27 and Albany at 9 o'clock, reaching Castleton, seven miles south of Albany at 9:12 and circling about in search of a landing place. He alighted at 9:20 and was met by several of his representatives, who had made arrangements for his fuel supply.

From Schenectady he left the railroad tracks and headed direct for Albany. As soon as he came in sight of the city he turned to the southwest and, flying at a height of about 300 feet, skirted the suburbs and crossed the Hudson river, steering directly for Castleton.

Shortly after his arrival at Castleton, Atwood announced that he would await the arrivals of passengers for his machine and probably would not start for New York until 2 o'clock. Atwood's potatoes, which were shipped from Fort Plain, were sent to Castleton in an automobile. They are made of aluminum and are to be fastened to the two sides of the machine. They hold about 60 cubic feet of air.

It will take at least three or four hours to adjust my machine," Atwood said. His plans are undeviated. After resting in his light late this afternoon and may delay it until tomorrow as he is not in early start and make the direct flight to New York city. I feel confident of landing there tomorrow."

BANDIT POLITE TO LADIES IN COACH

Also He Had Such a Gentle Voice But Now He Is in Hands of Officers for Robbing Passengers and Mail.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire)

Denver, Colo., Aug. 23.—A bandit's softly modulated voice and an extremely courteous manner of addressing women passengers of a stage coach held up in the San Miguel Canyon of Colorado in 1910, caused the arrest of Alexander Peterson, accused of the crime at Pagosa Springs, this state. He will be brought to Denver today to answer an indictment returned by the federal grand jury last November.

The stage was held up by a lone bandit, who took all of the valuables from the five men passengers, but refused to accept jewelry and trifles offered him by the women. Though he rifled the mail bags he got nothing of value. The total haul amounted to \$50.

TODAY'S GAMES

American League.	
Chicago	6 1 0
New York	3 8 9
National League.	
St. Louis	4 6 1
Brooklyn	5 8 0
Cincinnati	5 13 2
Boston	3 8 2
Pittsburgh	2 5 2
Philadelphia	3 8 1

FROZEN TO DEATH ON PIKES PEAK IN HARD SNOW STORM

Bodies of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Skinner Will Be Sent to Their Home in Dallas, Texas for Interment.

THEY WERE LOST IN COLD NIGHT GALE

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire)

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 23.—Following instructions received today from Dallas, Texas, relatives, the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Skinner, who perished from cold and exposure during a storm on Pike's Peak Monday night, will tonight be sent to Dallas, their former home, for burial. Governor Jackson decided that an inquest is unnecessary.

The bodies were found near the summit late yesterday, the couple having started to walk to the top of the peak Monday afternoon. In the man's pocket was found a letter from a friend in Texas. He said:

"I hope you are having the time of your life in Colorado. Am sending an overcoat as you requested. Hope you don't freeze to death on Pike's Peak."

The last seen of the two was by passengers on the down train at four o'clock Monday. Skinner, who was about 45 years old, then extended double about reaching the summit. Mrs. Skinner, who was two years younger, was confident and they continued the journey. It is believed they reached Windy Point, where the bodies were found, about 7 o'clock. At that hour a snow storm broke and the temperature went down to ten degrees below zero.

The weekly traffic returns testify to the enormous losses resulting to the railway companies from last week's strike. The London and Northwestern railway report alone shows a decrease of \$565,000 in receipts for the week.

RAILROAD STRIKE PROVED COSTLY TO ENGLISH LINES

Weekly Traffic Returns Are Silent Testimonials to Financial Loss Should Workmen Continue to Fight.

SETTLEMENT SLOWLY IS BEING EFFECTED

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire)

London, Aug. 23.—Progress toward settlement of the labor troubles at Liverpool was made today when the chairman of the Tramway company reinstated a number of strikers on his own responsibility. The strikers are still out pending a settlement with the tramway men, but the railroad men of Liverpool are resuming work in increasing numbers.

The trouble at Liverpool resulted from the refusal of the municipality to employ 250 strikers. The employees who had remained loyal throughout the strike threatened to quit work if the 250 men were taken back. Today's action of the chairman of the tramway committee in taking back some of the strikers will lead, it is believed to an early agreement by all parties.

The official belief was expressed today that the portraiture was taken by a person who, disguised as a workman, entered the museum between 7 o'clock and 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

TORRENTS SWEEP OVER FAIR ITALY

Heavy Downpours in Lombardy Cause Houses to Fall and a Number of Deaths Are Reported.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire)

Rome, Aug. 23.—Torrential rains accompanied by high winds have fallen for 24 hours in Lombardy, devastating that rich province. Many houses have been blown down and some fatalities have resulted. Bridges have been carried away by swollen streams and enormous damage has been done to vineyards.

PRICE OF MEATS IS GOING UP AGAIN

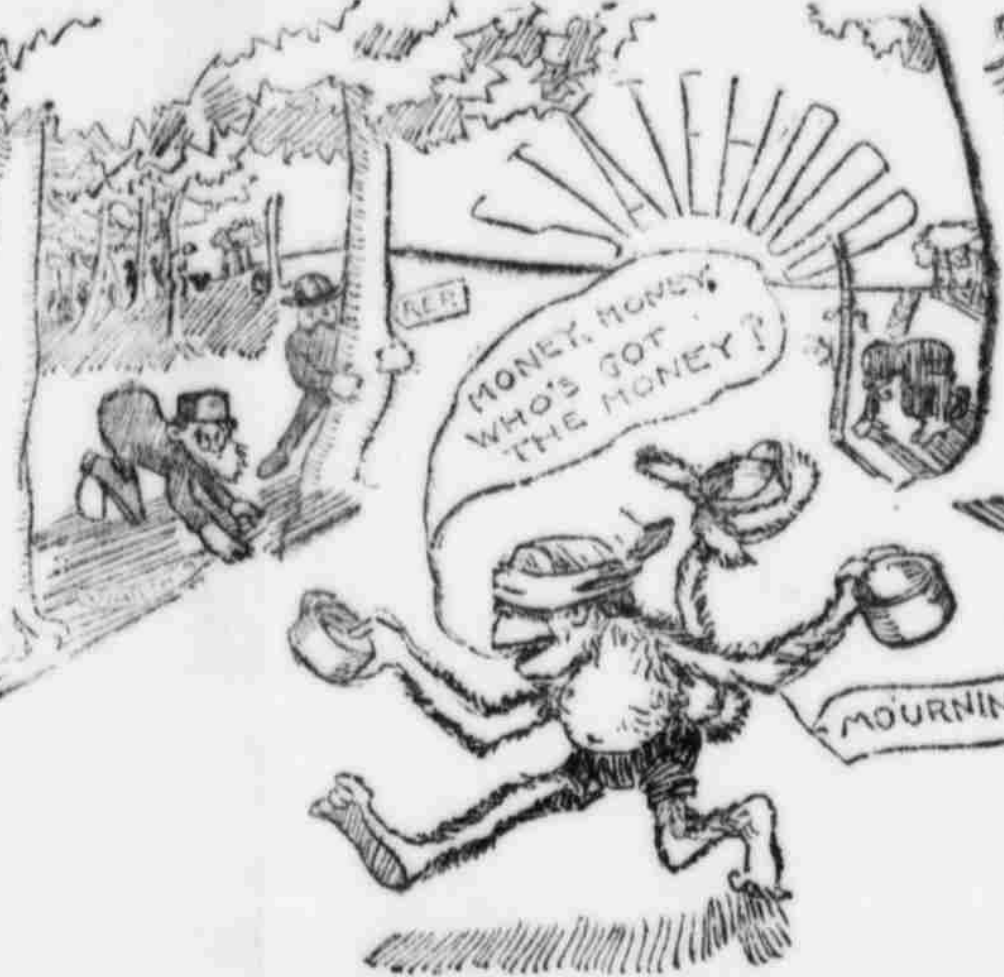
Best Grades Already Are Three Cents a Pound Higher Than Sixty Days Ago and Advance Only Just Begun.

(Special Telegram to Evening Herald)

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 23.—An increase in the price of beef, due, it is said to the summer's drought, has arrived. The wholesale price of the best grades of beef has jumped 3 cents here in the last sixty days. Prices are still on the upgrade and P. W. Robinson of the Wholesale Beef department of Armour's plant, said today he was unable to tell when the advance would stop.

Pork as well as beef is on the advance. Inferior beef may be bought now at about the same price as sixty days ago, but the buyers say there is light demand for the cheaper quality.

BLIND MAN'S BLUFF, OR THERE IS NO KING BUT DOUGH-DOUGH



There Is a Candidate Behind Every Tree.—Mourning Acrobat.

LOVE OF PICTURE CAUSED YOUNG MAN TO TAKE IT AWAY

This Is Theory of Prefect of Police Over Disappearance of "Mona Lisa" the Famous Work Stolen From Louvre.

GREAT CROWDS CAME TO SEE MASTERPIECE

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire)

Paris, Aug. 23.—Louis Lippin, the prefect of police, frankly admits complete mystification in regard to the disappearance from the Louvre of Leonardo da Vinci's most famous work, known generally as "Mona Lisa," but popularly called by the French "La Joconde."

Up to this afternoon not a trace of the picture or the thief had been found. It is generally conceded that even a thief person could have procured the impossibility of selling a work so well known, and according to psychological explanations of the strange case are sought.

The attendants at the Salon Carré, where the painting had the place of honor for the past, now tell of having wondered at the rest and longer regard given the portrait by a young man who during recent weeks frequently visited the Louvre.

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EARL IS FIGHTING HARD TO QUASH INDICTMENT

Newspaper Publisher of Los Angeles Held for Printing Agram Another Paper Demurs to Charges.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire)

Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 23.—The motion made in behalf of Edwin T. Earl, proprietor of the Express and the Tribune, to quash the indictment in which he was charged with having illegally made public the contents of an intercepted agram, was denied today by Judge Horseshoe.

ALL GOVERNORS TO MEET WITH WILSON

The Executives From States of Union Will Assemble in New Jersey Next Month to Discuss Impending Issues.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire)

Spring Lake, N. J., Aug. 23.—Plans for the annual conference of governors of the states of the union, to be held here September 12 to 18, were made public today after a consultation by Governor Wilson of New Jersey, chairman of the committee on arrangement; William George Jordan of New York, secretary of the last conference; and former Governor J. Franklin Ford, who is at the head of the entertainment committee.

POLICE HOLD OFF CROWDS DURING FUNERAL OF MR. GATES

Remains of American Plunger Will Be Kept in Receiving Vault Till Family Decides on Resting Place.

FLOWERS ARRIVE IN CARLOAD LOTS

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire)

New York, Aug. 23.—Nearly 5,000 flowers arrived at Plaza Hotel today to pay their tribute to the memory of John W. Gates. These whole floors of the big hotel where the funeral made his home in this city were used for the funeral arrangements. The flowers came from all parts of the country and flowers arrived by the railway from far distant points.

The funeral services were conducted at the Rev. Wallace McMillen of the Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Lagrange of Port Arthur, Texas.

The funeral was attended by large delegations representing the Gates sources interests in Port Arthur and Houston, Texas, and while the services were in progress there were some memorial services at Port Arthur, attended by citizens from other parts of Texas.

Crowds surrounded the hotel during the service this morning and a special detail of 100 police was on guard.

Mr. Gates' body will be kept in a receiving vault at Woodlawn cemetery until the family decides on its final resting place.

Mr. Gates left an estate valued at \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000, according to former business Henry A. Gilchrist, who drew Mr. Gates' will a year ago last spring. The bulk of the estate is left to his widow and his son, Charles G. Gates, captain. There is a clause which provides that none of the property can be sold within ten years. It is said, however, one of the heirs died in the interim. Mr. Gates' idea being that all prospective heirs should be dead.

The beneficiaries under the will also include relatives, friends and business employees, the total amount of whose legacies will aggregate about \$1,000,000 in bequests ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000.

SPANISH WAR VETS NEED MEMBERS

Out of 250,000 Soldiers Who Were Assembled Against Spain, They Have Only Secured 46,000 for Order.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire)

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—A unanimous decision to make every effort to increase their order number was reached by the United Spanish War Veterans at today's session of their union in this city. Reports of officers showed that out of a field of 250,000 men the order has a membership of 46,000.

Atlantic City was selected as the meeting place next year.

ENGINEER MEETS HIS DEATH UNDER AN ORE CAR

Tragedy at Chino Copper Mines Near Silver City Also Results in Serious Injury to Two Other Employees.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire)

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 23.—At the Chino Copper company's mines near Silver City, N. M., yesterday afternoon, Engineer John Stapleton was killed and Conductor Jamison and Steward's fireman were injured when two loaded ore cars ran down into the approaching train. Stapleton's family lives at Grand Junction, Colo., and Jamison is from Santa Fe. The accident was on the Santa Fe railroad.

It is winter in Minnesota. Frost was reported back of Duluth last night. The lowest temperature here was 44 degrees. The coldest point in the Duluth was at Dickinson, where the mercury registered 39 degrees and 23 was reported at Lakota and Napoleon. There were reports at Bemarck and Swift Current and at Campbell, Minn.

HOLD COTTON IS ADVICE GIVEN TO PLANTERS

Thirteen Cents Is Rate Set by Committee Consisting of Senators and Rich Growers Who Defy Speculators.

ATTEMPT IS MADE TO BREAK DOWN PRICE

Statement Is Issued Asking Producers to Band Together to Maintain Market; Crop Figures Are Too Large.

(By Evening Herald A. P. Leased Wire)

Washington, Aug. 23.—"Hold cotton for 13 cents," is the advice to be formally given to farmers' organizations by a committee consisting of Senators Williams of Mississippi and Owen of Oklahoma, and Representative Harrison of Texas, representing a conference of senators and representatives from seven cotton growing states. The committee will urge that state banking associations co-operate against the bearish move of the speculators.

What was referred to generally as the "threatening condition of the cotton market" was thoroughly discussed at meetings today and last night. Among the participants were Senators Williams and Owen, Representative Underwood of Alabama, Democratic leader of the house; Representatives Heflin of Alabama, Brantley and Hughes of Georgia, Burson of South Carolina, Garrett of Tennessee, Humphreys of Mississippi and Small of North Carolina. A number of them are large planters. The committee issued a statement which read:

"It seemed to be the opinion of all that there was a pre-conceived effort being made, principally through the instrumentality of the speculative element of the New York cotton exchange, to break down the price of cotton. It was the opinion of all that the present statistical condition of cotton did not justify the lowness of present quotations and that the estimate of 15 million bales was unjustified by any facts on which a prediction could be safely based, and that moreover, even if a 15,000,000 bale crop were in sight, the world's supply still probably would fall short of the world's demand for cotton to the extent of more than one million bales because of the exhaustion of the present visible supply of carried over spot cotton."

"This opinion was based on the latest statistics from Egypt, India, China and other cotton producing countries. This committee was also requested to communicate a some way with the presidents of the several state banking associations in the cotton states asking them as far as possible to throw their moral and financial support behind the effort to counteract the bearish movement of the speculators with the view of obtaining a fair price for the farmers' cotton."

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